

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
Monday, December 17, 2018
At 8:30 a.m. in Room W064
Indiana Government Building South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Members Present:

Vincent Drnevich
Stephen Gillman, Board Liaison, Acting Chair for this meeting
Opal Kuhl
Harold Snead, Vice Chair - Electronically

Members Absent:

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Christina Shea-Russell - Assistant Board Director
Donald 'Ned' Hannah - Board Counsel

Court Reporter:

Circle City Reporting – Deanne Hutson

CALL TO ORDER – Steve Gillman called to order the meeting at **8:36 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.
Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich to approve the agenda.
Motion passes 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich to approve the agenda.
Motion passes 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Colleen Merkel – ACEC – Continuing Education Developments

ACEC is a trade association for Engr. & Arch. Firms. There are 3500 – 4000 of registered PEs associated with ACEC Indiana. There are 5500 people who are employed with the associated firms. ACEC is seeking guidance for pertinent information that should be included in their continuing ethics education. These would include items that are relevant to the board. ACEC is looking for recommendations. Vince discussed the recent rule update and modern technologies (such as implications of driverless cars) as just a few things he mentioned. Vince offered to assist ACEC with continuing education and ethical issues that have been arising nationally. Opal mentioned the national topics going on with licensure; computer-based testing, fewer people taking the FE exam, trying to encourage students to take the exam since it is a requirement for licensure. ISPE has the Indiana Professional Engineer Journal (IPEJ) that comes out six times a year. Every issue of the IPEJ includes a Registration Board News article which covers things that are concerned with the Board. The Board now has a newsletter two times a year which includes a link to the IPEJ. Mike Fink provides a quiz with each issue about Indiana Statutes and Rules in IPEJ. Steve Gillman provided some real-life examples about stamping, employee pilferage, CE related issues, and drunk driving. The whole point of the Board is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public. They also discussed electronic continuing education. ACEC wants to distribute the Board newsletter as well. The board gave approval for ACEC to share the Board newsletter with their mailing list.

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Jennifer Barth provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints 10 open and closed complaints.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

1. **Geoffery Mechem Cope – 2018SPBRE0001 – Petition of License Denial**

Mr. Cope did not appear.

Issue a Notice of Proposed Dismissal.

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich for the Notice of Proposed Dismissal

Motion Carries 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

2. **Firooz Zandi – Cause No 2018SBPRE0003**

Summary Suspension Extension

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Harold Snead to approve the extension of the summary suspension.
Motion Carries 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

HEA 1245 Readoption - Discussion – approve the list of qualifying crimes and adopt it into emergency rule.

Motion made by Vince Drnevich seconded by Steve Gillman to approve and adopt the list of qualifying crime for HEA 1245 emergency rule. Steve Gillman signed the extension document.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Nay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Election of Officers for 2019

Steve Gillman as Board chair - Motion made by Vince Drnevich seconded by Opal Kuhl
Opal Kuhl as vice chair - Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead

Steve Gillman as Liaison to Attorney General's Office - Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair, Vice Chair, Liaison

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Application Review – Discussion of Akram Siddiqi application. Board members reviewed this application. Vince brought up the Washington Accord which looks at the various countries and compares to the requirements in the US. Vince suggested that the board may need to look into easier mobility for applicants from other countries associated with the Washington Accord. Indiana has a strong track record for licensing comity applicants. This applicant refused to fill out the supplemental form of courses that meet the educational requirements; he does not meet the requirements, Windsor is not an ABET accredited university. He has not passed FE or PE exams either. He doesn't have the 12 hours of calculus nor the sciences course requirements.

Motion made by Vince Drnevich to deny comity and seconded by Opal Kuhl.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Also discussed that all board members be more willing to review foreign applications, because everyone relies way too much on Vince to review these. Board agreed to become more involved

CE Audit

A motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Opal Kuhl to have a Continuing Education audit of 1.1% of the licensees. Vince will be contributing information in the newsletter regarding NCEES continuing education repository.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

Delegates for NCEES Regional Meeting May 2 through May 4

No determination as who will attend.

Board Appointments – Requesting that Mike Minglin attend the next meeting to discuss the open appointments on the board. Steve Gillman will send Mike a letter asking him to give us an update on what is happening with that process since the board is running at quorum.

Discussed the letter that was sent out pertaining to the Wisconsin charge by the exiting governor to eliminate licensure. Ohio and Arizona are also states facing the licensing crisis.

Motion to adjourn made by Harold Snead and seconded by Vince Drnevich.
Motion 4/0/0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

ADJOURNMENT 10:47 a.m.